

The Voluntaria Emergency & Retreat Access Membership Contract: v0.1.2024.11.20.1152CT

**SafeHarbor: The Voluntaria Emergency & Retreat Access
Membership Contract**



Preamble

In the spirit of resilience, innovation, and a deep commitment to the principles of voluntaryism, we, the founders and members of the Voluntaria Community, hereby introduce the The Emergency & Retreat Access Membership Contract (hereafter referred to as "membership", "agreement", or "contract"). This membership contract is not merely a document; it is a testament to our collective vision of a world where cooperation, empathy, and proactive preparedness form the cornerstone of our community ethos.

At the heart of this agreement lies a profound understanding of the unpredictable nature of our world. We recognize that despite our best efforts, emergencies and crises are an inherent part of the human experience. In response to this reality, the plan is designed to provide a secure refuge and a bastion of support during times of widespread emergencies. It is our answer to the uncertainties of life, offering not just a plan, but a promise of solidarity and mutual aid.

This agreement is crafted with the utmost respect for the individual, while also acknowledging the strength of the collective. It is a delicate balance between personal autonomy and communal responsibility, reflecting our belief in the power of community-driven solutions. As members of the Voluntaria Community, we are not *just* community members; we are active participants in a grand experiment of living harmoniously, guided by the principles of natural law and non-aggression.

The Voluntaria Emergency & Retreat Access Membership Contract is also a reflection of our commitment to innovation and user-centric design. In its structure and execution, the contract

may incorporate modern technology, including blockchain and digital contracts and digital password-protected online resources ensuring transparency, security, and efficiency. These technological tools are not ends in themselves but means to foster trust, accessibility, communications, and engagement within our community.

As we embark on this journey together, let this agreement serve as a beacon of hope, a guidepost for action, and a contract for mutual community service. It is a living document, evolving as we evolve, adapting as we learn, and growing as we grow. Together, we stand ready to face the challenges of tomorrow, united in our vision and unyielding in our resolve to create a voluntary, peaceful, and thriving community.

GLOSSARY:

Active Member

An individual or entity with an active membership under the Voluntaria Emergency & Retreat Access Membership Contract, meeting all eligibility requirements and current on dues or fees.

Annual Access Rights

The entitlement of active members to a one-week stay on community property annually, including limited access to shared resources and participation in community activities.

Arbitration

A method of dispute resolution involving an impartial third party (or parties) to make a binding decision on conflicts arising under this contract.

Blockchain Integration

The use of blockchain technology, such as Ethereum, for managing membership contracts, including the issuance of Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs) to represent membership rights digitally.

Community Resources

Physical, digital, and organizational assets of the Voluntaria Community, including land, facilities, knowledge systems, and tools shared among members.

Consensus Group

A governance body within the Voluntaria Community, composed of members tasked with making decisions through a consent-based process.

Contract Activation

The process by which specific clauses of the membership contract, particularly emergency provisions, are enacted under predefined or consensus-approved conditions.

Emergency Response Coordinator

A designated individual within the Voluntaria Community responsible for managing communications, logistics, and support during emergencies, including responding to member inquiries within 24 hours.

Emergency Scenarios

Predefined or consensus-recognized events triggering the contract's emergency provisions. Examples include natural disasters, geopolitical crises, or economic collapse.

Feedback and Evolution

The iterative process of incorporating member feedback to adapt and improve the terms and operational aspects of the membership contract.

Harmonious Resource Sharing

A principle ensuring equitable and balanced use of community resources by temporary and permanent residents.

Living Document

A contract designed to evolve and adapt over time based on member feedback, legal considerations, and operational needs.

Membership Cap

The intentional limitation of the total number of active memberships to promote meaningful social connections and sustainable resource use.

Membership Contract

The formal agreement between an individual and the Voluntaria Community outlining rights, responsibilities, and terms of engagement.

Membership Token (NFT)

A Non-Fungible Token representing a digital record of a member's rights under the contract, encoded with details such as membership series and unique identification numbers.

Mutual Aid

The foundational principle of the Voluntaria Community, emphasizing voluntary cooperation, support, and shared responsibility among members.

Natural Law

The philosophical basis of the Voluntaria Community, asserting that actions should be guided by ethical principles and non-aggression rather than coercion.

Non-Fungible Token (NFT)

A unique, blockchain-based digital asset used to represent individual memberships securely and verifiably.

Personal Preparedness

The expectation that members take proactive steps to ready themselves for potential emergencies, such as participating in community drills or maintaining up-to-date contact information.

Proposal Submission Privilege

A benefit allowing members to submit formal suggestions or changes for consideration by the Voluntaria Consensus Group.

Regional Activation

The targeted application of emergency provisions based on the geographic location of an emergency and the affected members.

Refund Policy

The terms under which members may receive financial compensation in the event of community dissolution, calculated on a pro-rata basis.

Sanctuary

The provision of physical refuge, support, and solidarity for members on community property during designated times or emergencies.

Voluntaria Community

The collective of individuals, properties, and governance structures that embody the principles of voluntarism, mutual aid, and preparedness outlined in this contract.

Section 1: Membership Limits

In the realm of the Voluntaria Community, where the principles of mindfulness and strategic foresight reign, we introduce the unique structure of The Voluntaria Emergency & Retreat Access

Membership Contract. This section delineates the foundational aspects of membership, crafted with a deep understanding of social dynamics and the value of personalized connection.

1.1 Limited Membership: A Reflection of Dunbar's Number

- **Embracing Human Connection:** Inspired by Dunbar's Number, which posits a limit to the number of stable social relationships one can maintain, this membership is intentionally capped at three hundred (300) members. This range is not arbitrary; it is a thoughtful reflection of our commitment to fostering genuine, meaningful connections within our community and available land resources.
- **Cohesion and Manageability:** By limiting membership, we ensure that each member of our community is more than just a number. They are recognized, valued, and an integral part of a cohesive network, where every individual's presence is acknowledged and cherished.

1.2 A Living System: Dynamic and Responsive

- **Adaptability in Numbers:** While we start with a set range, our membership limits are not set in stone. It is a living system, capable of adapting to the evolving needs and size of our community. This adaptability ensures that our community contract remains relevant, effective, and aligned with our community's growth.
- **Feedback and Evolution:** The structure of our membership limits are open to feedback from our community members. We believe in evolution driven by collective wisdom, ensuring that our community contract remains a true reflection of the needs and aspirations of those it serves.

1.3 Eligibility to Enter into a Contract

Membership is available only to individuals:

1. At least 18 years of age.
2. Who have the legal capacity to enter into binding contracts under applicable laws.

Section 2: Annual Access Rights

In the heart of the Voluntaria Community, where the principles of mutual aid and shared responsibility flourish, we present the privileges and provisions of our The Voluntaria Emergency & Retreat Access Membership Contract annual land-access rights. This section is a testament to our belief in the power of sanctuary and the importance of a safe haven in times of need.

2.1 The Privilege of Sanctuary: One Week of Refuge

- **Annual Respite:** Each active contract member is entitled to a one-week stay within the nurturing embrace of the Voluntaria Community's land resources each year. This period is not merely a time away; it's a chance to reconnect, rejuvenate, and reengage with a community that stands as a pillar of strength and solidarity.
- **Sanctuary in Times of Calm and Crisis:** Whether in times of tranquility or turbulence, this annual access is a reminder of the community's unwavering support and the enduring bond among its members.

2.2 Access to Community Resources: Shared with Care

- **Harmonious Resource Sharing:** During their stay, members will have limited & monitored access to the community's resources. This access is designed to be harmonious with the community's rhythms, ensuring that the needs of both temporary and permanent residents are met with balance and empathy.
- **Mindful Utilization:** The use of community resources and participation in activities is imbued with a spirit of mindfulness. Members are encouraged to engage with the community's offerings in a way that respects the collective ethos and contributes positively to the communal tapestry.

2.3 A Commitment to Collective Well-being

- **Beyond Physical Space:** The annual access right extends beyond the physical space of the community. It is an invitation to be part of a collective journey, to share in the joys and challenges, and to contribute to the community's ongoing narrative.
- **Expectations of Engagement:** While the community provides a haven, it also thrives on the active engagement of its members. Members are encouraged to participate, share their skills, and add to the community's vibrancy during their stay.

2.4 Obligations During Annual Access

Defining Timelines and Responsibilities

- *"Timely response"* is defined as a response within 24 hours via official communication channels.
- *"Harmonious resource use"* means adhering to community-established limits for resources such as water, food, and accommodation during stays.

Clear Member Obligations

- **Community Obligations:**
 - Ensure safe, clean, and functional facilities for members during their stay.
 - Facilities include tent, designated vehicle parking, and community kitchen.
 - Provide access to agreed-upon shared resources, such as accommodations, utilities including electricity and water, and communal spaces, within sustainable limits.
 - Offer guidance or support for participating in community activities or contributing skills during the stay.
- **Member Obligations:**
 - Respect community rules, norms, and the rights of permanent residents.
 - Use resources responsibly and report any damages or malfunctions promptly.
 - Contribute to the community through skills, labor, and/or other agreed-upon means as a gesture of reciprocity.
 - Provide written notice of their intent to use annual access rights at least 14 days in advance.
 - Follow all posted rules and contribute positively during their stay.
 - Report damages or emergencies promptly to designated coordinators.

Section 3: Blockchain Integration and Initial Digital Contract Issuance

In the innovative spirit of the Voluntaria Community, where technology meets practicality, we introduce Section 3 of the The Voluntaria Emergency & Retreat Access Membership Contract. This

section outlines our forward-thinking approach to member contract management, blending the reliability of digital documents with the cutting-edge potential of blockchain technology.

3.1 Initial Membership Contract Execution: Digital Countersigned Documents

- **Foundation in Digital:** Initially, our policies will be issued as digital documents, such as PDFs, featuring secure digital signatures. This method ensures immediate, accessible, and verifiable delivery to our membership.
- **Ease and Accessibility:** By starting with digital documents, we provide our members with an easily understandable and familiar format, ensuring that everyone, regardless of their technical expertise, can engage with their membership without barriers.

3.2 Transition to Ethereum Blockchain and NFTs

- **Future-Ready Approach:** In anticipation of technological advancements and in alignment with our community's innovative ethos, we plan to transition to using Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs) on the Ethereum blockchain (or other leadership-approved blockchain) to represent each contract.
- **Claiming Your Digital Token:** Once developed, these NFTs will be made available for members to claim. Each NFT will symbolize the contract in a digital, blockchain-based format, offering enhanced security and verifiability.

3.3 NFT Features and Benefits

- **Unique Contract Representation:** Each NFT will encode crucial details such as the contract series and unique identification number, ensuring that every contract is distinct and securely tied to its holder.
- **Linking to Original Policies:** The NFTs will serve as digital representations, linking back to the original digital contract documents for full terms and conditions, thereby maintaining continuity and clarity.

3.4 Seamless Integration and User Support

- **Integrating Technologies:** As we transition from digital documents to NFTs, our focus will be on seamless integration, ensuring that membership experience a smooth transition with no disruption to their contract management.
- **Guidance and Education:** We are committed to providing comprehensive support and educational resources to assist our membership in understanding and navigating this new blockchain-based system.

3.5 Disclaimer and Risk Mitigation

- **Inherent Risks of Blockchain Systems:**

- The use of blockchain and Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs) involves inherent risks, including but not limited to:
 - **Market Volatility:** Fluctuations in blockchain network costs (e.g., gas fees) and potential market changes may impact the usability or transfer of NFTs.
 - **Loss of Access:** Members are responsible for maintaining secure access to their digital wallets. The Voluntaria Community cannot guarantee recovery of lost or inaccessible NFTs.
 - **Legal Uncertainty:** Blockchain regulations vary by jurisdiction and may evolve, potentially impacting the enforceability or use of NFTs.
 - **Technological Risks:** Blockchain technology is subject to technical limitations or failures, such as network outages or obsolescence.

- **Continuity of Rights:**

- The transition to blockchain-based systems (e.g., issuance of NFTs) will not compromise members' rights or access under this contract. In the event of technical or legal issues rendering blockchain-based systems non-viable, digital or physical alternatives will be provided to ensure continuity.

- **Member Responsibilities:**

- Members must secure their blockchain wallets and private keys. The Voluntaria Community assumes no liability for lost or compromised wallets or NFTs.

3.6 Data Privacy Policy

- Member data will be collected, stored, and processed in compliance with applicable data privacy laws.

- Blockchain records, by design, are publicly accessible, and members accept the inherent risks of this transparency.

3.7 Member Responsibilities

- Members are responsible for safeguarding their personal data and digital wallet information, particularly private keys for blockchain integrations.

Section 4: Community Expectations and Contributions

In the collaborative spirit of the Voluntaria Community, where each member's contribution weaves into the larger tapestry of our collective existence, we present Section 4 of the The Voluntaria Emergency & Retreat Access Membership Contract. This section is dedicated to outlining the roles, responsibilities, and contributions expected from our membership, reflecting our core values of mutual support and shared responsibility.

4.1 The Essence of Community Participation

- **Active Engagement:** We envision a community where each member is not just a passive participant but an active contributor. Whether it's through sharing skills, participating in community projects, or offering support in times of need, every active member is encouraged to contribute to the community's vibrancy and resilience.
- **Diversity in Contribution:** Recognizing the diverse talents and abilities within our community, contributions are not one-size-fits-all. We value the variety of ways in which members can contribute, be it through physical labor, intellectual input, artistic expression, or emotional support.

4.2 Responsibilities in Times of Crisis

- **Collective Response to Emergencies:** In alignment with the purpose of The Voluntaria Emergency & Retreat Access Membership Contract, during emergencies, members are expected & encouraged to collaborate and work together towards ensuring the safety and well-being of the community. This may involve participating in organized response efforts, sharing resources, or providing support to fellow members.

- **Preparedness and Proactivity:** We encourage membership to be personally prepared for potential emergencies, fostering a culture of proactivity and foresight. This includes staying informed, participating in community drills or preparedness workshops, and being ready to act when the need arises.

4.3 Building a Supportive Environment

- **Empathy and Understanding:** Central to our community ethos is the cultivation of an environment of empathy and understanding. We strive to create a space where members feel supported, heard, and valued, fostering strong bonds and a sense of belonging.
- **Conflict Resolution and Harmony:** In a community of diverse individuals, disagreements may arise. We commit to resolving conflicts through open communication, mutual respect, and a focus on harmonious coexistence. Any intra-member disputes will 1st attempt to be resolved directly between involved members, secondly with the involvement of 1 or more consensus team members, and thirdly with pre-selected arbitration applicable for the jurisdiction as selected & agreed by involved parties and the Voluntaria consensus membership team.

4.4 Crisis Preparedness Obligations

- **Community Obligations:**
 - Organize, coordinate, and publicize preparedness workshops or training sessions for members.
 - Maintain a reserve of essential supplies (e.g., food, water, medical kits) to support temporary influxes during emergencies.
 - Provide clear communication channels (e.g., designated emergency hotline or app) for crisis alerts and updates.
 - Designate an Emergency Response Coordinator to manage logistics and member communications during crises.
- **Member Obligations:**
 - Stay informed by participating in community drills and reviewing preparedness materials provided by the community.
 - Maintain accurate and up-to-date contact information for receiving alerts or accessing community resources.

- Bring personal emergency supplies during stays, including clothing, medications, and essential documents.
- Collaborate with other members and follow the Emergency Response Coordinator's instructions during crises.

Section 5: Emergency Scenarios and Activation Conditions

In the realm of the Voluntaria Community, where preparedness is intertwined with adaptability, we present Section 5 of The Voluntaria Emergency & Retreat Access Membership Contract. This section delineates the specific emergency scenarios under which the agreement's emergency service clauses can be activated, ensuring clarity and readiness in times of crisis.

5.1 Defining Emergency Scenarios

- **Broad Spectrum of Emergencies:** The contract covers a range of emergency scenarios, including but not limited to natural disasters (such as earthquakes, floods, wildfires), economic collapses, pandemics threatening significant portions of the global population, nuclear events, and geopolitical instabilities like foreign invasions.
- **Criteria for Emergencies:** An emergency scenario is characterized by its widespread impact, the immediate threat to safety and well-being, and the necessity for collective action and support.

5.2 Activation Conditions

- **Standard Predefined Conditions:** The contract outlines specific conditions for each type of emergency, providing clear guidelines for when contract activation is appropriate.
- **Voluntaria Consensus Group Agreement:** In addition to the predefined conditions, contract activation may require agreement from the Voluntaria voting consensus group, ensuring community involvement in critical decisions.

5.3 Geographic-Based Activation

- **Regional Specificity:** Recognizing that some emergencies may be geographically localized, the contract allows for activation based on the affected regions. This ensures targeted

support where it is most needed.

- **Responsibility of Membership:** Members are responsible for keeping their residency information up-to-date to facilitate geographic-based activation. Inaccurate information may affect the contract's applicability in regional emergencies.

5.4 Flexibility and Adaptability

- **Unforeseen Circumstances:** The contract maintains flexibility to accommodate emergencies that may not be explicitly listed but are deemed significant by the consensus group.
- **Dynamic Response:** The community commits to a dynamic and responsive approach, adapting its response strategies to the specific nature and demands of each emergency.

5.5 Designation of Emergency Response Coordinator

- **Role and Responsibility:** Outline the role of the emergency response coordinator, emphasizing their responsibility as the primary point of contact for membership during emergencies.
- **24-Hour Response Commitment:** Specify that members are entitled to a response within 24 hours for communications through the designated emergency channel.
- **Official Emergency Channel:** Define what constitutes the official emergency channel for communication.

5.6 Scope of Support During Emergencies

- **Community Support:**
 - Offer shelter for affected members within available capacity, prioritizing safety and equitable access.
 - Provide essential resources, such as food, water, and first-aid supplies, based on availability.
 - Facilitate communication and coordination between members, including access to local emergency services near community property if necessary.
 - Ensure the presence of trained personnel (or designated leaders) to manage emergency operations and provide guidance.

- **Member Expectations:**

- Follow emergency protocols established by the community, including evacuation plans and resource-sharing rules.
- Assist with basic emergency tasks, such as setting up temporary shelters, distributing supplies, or supporting vulnerable members.
- Avoid placing undue strain on community resources by bringing additional support items, such as personal emergency kits, when possible.
- Comply with decisions made by the Voluntaria Consensus Group or Emergency Response Coordinator, ensuring collective safety.

Section 6: Optional Clause for Omitting Voluntaria Consensus

In the spirit of offering choice and flexibility within the structure of our community's support system, we introduce Section 6 of The Voluntaria Emergency & Retreat Access Membership Contract. This section details the optional clause allowing membership to bypass the standard requirement of obtaining agreement from the Voluntaria voting consensus group for contract activation in emergency scenarios.

6.1 The Essence of the Optional Clause

- **Empowering Individual Choice:** Recognizing that our community members have diverse needs and preferences, this optional clause is designed for those seeking a more direct and immediate contract activation process during emergencies.
- **Bypassing Consensus Requirement:** Members opting for this clause can activate their contract based on the predefined emergency scenarios and conditions, without the need for additional community approval.

6.2 Additional Fee Structure

- **Reflecting Increased Flexibility:** Opting for this clause incurs an additional fee of 67% on the standard contract price. This fee accounts for the increased administrative efforts and risk management required to facilitate this option.
- **Transparent Pricing:** For example, if the standard annual membership contract is priced at \$1,500, the price with this optional clause would be approximately \$2,505.

6.3 Terms and Conditions

- **Explicit Choice at Purchase or Renewal:** Members must explicitly choose this option at the time of contract purchase or renewal. This decision is a commitment for the duration of the contract term and cannot be reversed mid-term.
- **Adherence to Other Contract Terms:** Opting for this clause does not exempt membership from other terms and conditions of The Voluntaria Emergency & Retreat Access Membership Contract. All other aspects of the policy remain in effect.
- **Unilateral Activation with Oversight:** This option allows for unilateral activation of the contract by the member, which will be subject to review by the consensus board within 7 days of activation. The consensus board must return a unanimous vote to reject the activation of the contract. In the event of rejection, the member is entitled to 3 days on the property following the rejection notification.

6.4 Renewal and Adjustment

- **Annual Review and Renewal:** The option to omit Voluntaria consensus is subject to renewal alongside the contract itself. Members can reassess their choice at each renewal period.
- **Dynamic Fee Adjustment:** The additional fee and terms for this option may be subject to adjustments based on periodic reviews, community feedback, and evolving risk assessments.

Section 7: Flexibility Clause for Unforeseen Emergencies

In the dynamic landscape of our world, where unpredictability is the only constant, we introduce Section 7 of The Voluntaria Emergency & Retreat Access Membership Contract. This section is dedicated to providing a framework for addressing unforeseen emergencies that may not be explicitly listed in the contract but are significant enough to warrant activation.

7.1 Addressing the Unpredictable

- **Scope of Unforeseen Emergencies:** This clause covers significant events that pose a threat to larger groups or regions, necessitating relocation to the community property for safety. It is

designed to address emergencies that are generalized in nature, affecting many people beyond individual or personal property concerns.

- **Exclusion of Personal Emergencies:** While personal emergencies are important, this contract focuses on broader crises. Members facing personal emergencies are encouraged to contact the community for support, but such situations alone do not trigger contract activation.

7.2 Consent-Based Decision-Making

- **Voluntaria Consensus Board/Committee:** Decisions to activate the contract in response to unforeseen emergencies are made by the Voluntaria consensus board/committee, following a consent-based decision-making model. This approach ensures that the community's collective wisdom guides critical decisions.
- **Confidentiality and Transparency:** Votes are not public by default. However, members who submit proposals related to emergencies will be informed about the outcome, maintaining a balance between confidentiality and transparency.

7.3 Communication and Feedback Channels

- **Notification Methods:** Members will be notified via phone or email in the event of contract activation. A playful reminder emphasizes the importance of keeping contact information current.
- **Feedback and Engagement:** Channels for feedback include submitting proposals, direct contact with the community, discussions with members, and visiting the website. A private member directory with a request/accept model for contacting other members will be available, along with a dedicated email for member inquiries.

Section 8: Pricing Models

In the spirit of transparency and fairness, Section 8 of The Voluntaria Emergency & Retreat Access Membership Contract outlines the pricing models for our membership. This section is designed to offer a range of options, catering to different preferences and financial capabilities, while ensuring the sustainability and effectiveness of our community's support system.

8.1 Overview of Pricing Models

- **Diverse Options for Diverse Needs:** Recognizing the varied needs of our community members, we offer multiple pricing models, including lifetime, annual with renewal, and fixed-term policies.
- **Discounts for Commitment:** To value and encourage long-term commitment to the community, we provide discounts for policies purchased upfront for extended periods.

8.2 Detailed Pricing Structure

The following table illustrates the pricing for annual policies, starting at \$1,500 per year, with discounts ranging from 5% to 50% for upfront purchases, and a comparison column showing the full price if paid annually:

Contract Term (Years)	Discount	Upfront Price	Full Price if Paid Annually
1	0%	\$1,500	\$1,500
2	5%	\$2,850	\$3,000
3	10%	\$4,050	\$4,500
4	15%	\$5,100	\$6,000
5	20%	\$6,000	\$7,500
10	30%	\$10,500	\$15,000
15	35%	\$14,625	\$22,500
20	40%	\$18,000	\$30,000
25	45%	\$20,625	\$37,500
50	50%	\$37,500	\$75,000

8.3 Adaptability and Review

- **Dynamic Pricing:** We acknowledge that circumstances and operational costs may change over time. Therefore, our pricing models are subject to periodic review and adjustment.

- **Community Feedback:** We are committed to considering community feedback in our pricing strategy, ensuring alignment with the members' perspectives and needs.

8.4 Pricing Adjustments and Approval Process

- **Transparency in Pricing Changes:**

- The Voluntaria Community is committed to maintaining transparency in all pricing-related matters. Adjustments to membership fees or optional clause charges will be communicated in advance, along with a detailed explanation of the rationale behind the changes.

- **Communication of Adjustments:**

- Pricing adjustments will be announced via:
 - i. **Email Notification:** All active members will receive a formal notice at least 90 days before the changes take effect.
 - ii. **Community Updates:** Pricing changes will be included in the next scheduled community meeting or update, providing an opportunity for discussion.
 - iii. **Dedicated Documentation:** Updated pricing structures will be published on the Voluntaria Community website and in supplementary materials.

- **Approval by the Community:**

- Proposed pricing adjustments will be reviewed by the **Voluntaria Consensus Group** to ensure alignment with community goals and operational needs.
- Active members will be invited to provide feedback on proposed changes during a designated 30-day review period.
- Final approval of pricing adjustments will be subject to a consensus vote within the Voluntaria Consensus Group.

- **Periodic Reviews:**

- Pricing will be reviewed annually to account for inflation, changes in operational costs, and community feedback. Adjustments, if necessary, will be based on these reviews and communicated through the above process.

- **Limitation on Frequency:**

- Pricing adjustments will not occur more than once annually unless extraordinary circumstances (e.g., emergency operational costs) warrant an interim review. Any such interim adjustment will require explicit consent from the Voluntaria Consensus Group.

8.5 Fee Payments and Penalties

- **Fee Payments:** Membership fees are due annually in advance. Late payments will incur a penalty of 5% if not paid within 30 days of the due date.
- **Penalties for Violations:** Violations of community rules may result in fines or suspension of membership privileges, at the discretion of the Consensus Group.

Section 9: Refund Policy in Case of Liquidation

In the ethos of fairness and responsibility that guides the Voluntaria Community, Section 9 of The Voluntaria Emergency & Retreat Access Membership Contract addresses the refund policy in the event of property liquidation or community failure. This section is designed to provide clarity and assurance to our members regarding the handling of their investments under such unforeseen circumstances.

9.1 Conditions for Refund

- **Liquidation or Failure:** In the unfortunate event that the Voluntaria Community faces liquidation or a failure that necessitates the dissolution of community property, this policy outlines the conditions under which refunds will be issued to active members.
- **Scope of Refund:** The refund policy applies to all active members at the time of liquidation or community failure, offering a fair and equitable return of their contract investment.

9.2 Process for Claiming Refunds

- **Notification and Claim Process:** Members will be notified of the liquidation or failure event and will be provided with clear instructions on how to claim their refund.
- **Documentation and Verification:** Members may be required to provide documentation or verification of their contract ownership and status to process the refund.

9.3 Transparency and Communication

- **Open Communication:** Throughout the process of liquidation or dissolution, the community commits to maintaining open and transparent communication with all members.
- **Timely Processing:** Efforts will be made to ensure that the refund process is conducted in a timely and efficient manner, respecting the financial interests of all members.

9.4 Refund Calculation and Process

- **Pro-Rated Refund Calculation:**
 - Refunds will be calculated based on the remaining term of the membership contract at the time of liquidation or failure.
 - Formula: $\text{Refund Amount} = (\text{Unused Days} \div \text{Total Contract Days}) \times \text{Total Contract Payment Received}$
 - For example, if a \$1,500 one-year membership is terminated after six months (182 unused days), the refund will be approximately \$750, minus any applicable fees.
- **Deductions:**
 - Administrative fees and costs associated with liquidation will be deducted from the total refund pool.
 - Any unpaid dues or fees owed by the member will also be subtracted.
- **Optional Clauses and Fees:**
 - Fees paid for optional clauses (e.g., bypassing consensus) are non-refundable unless explicitly stated otherwise. Refunds will be based solely on the base contract fee.
- **Voluntary Withdrawal Refunds:** Members withdrawing within 30 days of signing are eligible for a full refund of membership fees, excluding optional clause payments.
- **Refund Timeline:** Refunds for community-initiated terminations will be processed within 60 days of the termination date.

9.6 Refund Dispute Resolution

- **Dispute Process:**
 - Members disputing their calculated refund amount must submit a written appeal within 30 days of receiving their refund notification.
 - The appeal will be reviewed by a designated arbitration body, which will provide a

binding resolution within 30 days of receipt.

- **Transparency:**

- Refund calculations and decisions will be documented and shared with affected members upon request to ensure accountability.

Section 10: Legal and Ethical Considerations

In the realm of the Voluntaria Community, where ethical principles and lawful considerations are held in high esteem, we present Section 10 of The Voluntaria Emergency & Retreat Access Membership Contract. This section underscores our commitment to operating within the framework of law while upholding the highest ethical standards.

10.1 Lawful Over Legal

- **Prioritizing Ethical Principles:** While recognizing the importance of legal compliance, our contract focuses primarily on being lawful – adhering to the spirit and ethical substance of the law. This approach aligns with our community's values, emphasizing moral integrity and ethical conduct.
- **Balancing Legal Requirements:** We ensure that the contract adheres to necessary legal requirements, particularly those related to real estate, communal living, and emergency response, without compromising our ethical commitments.

10.2 Arbitration for Dispute Resolution

- **Community-Centric Dispute Resolution:** All disputes related to the contract will be resolved through arbitration, involving members, the community governance body, and an objective, neutral third party of skilled arbiters.
- **Consent-Based Approach:** The arbitration process will be guided by a consent-based approach, reflecting our community's ethos of cooperative resolution and mutual respect.
- Disputes shall be resolved via arbitration under the rules of the American Arbitration Association (AAA).
- Arbitrators will be selected mutually by the disputing parties.
- Costs of arbitration will be borne equally by both parties unless otherwise determined by the

arbitrator.

10.3 Transparency and Accountability

- **Open Communication:** We commit to maintaining transparency in all legal and ethical matters related to the contract, ensuring that members are well-informed and their rights are protected.
- **Community Feedback and Involvement:** Regular opportunities will be provided for community members to voice their opinions and provide feedback on legal and ethical aspects of the contract, fostering a sense of collective ownership and accountability.
- **Entire Agreement Clause:** This contract constitutes the full and complete agreement between the parties, superseding all prior agreements, oral or written.
- **Amendments:** This contract may only be amended through:
 - Written agreement between the parties.
 - A consensus vote by the Voluntaria Consensus Group, with members receiving at least 90 days' notice of significant changes.

10.4 Continuous Review and Adaptation

- **Evolving Legal Landscape:** Recognizing that legal and ethical landscapes are dynamic, we commit to regularly reviewing and adapting our contract to stay aligned with current laws and ethical standards.
- **Expert Consultation:** We will engage with legal experts and ethical advisors to ensure our contract remains compliant, relevant, and reflective of the best practices in contract governance.

10.5 Limits of Liability

- The Voluntaria Community will endeavor to provide safety, shelter, and essential resources to the best of its ability during emergencies. However, the community cannot guarantee:
 - Unlimited access to resources or accommodations due to capacity constraints or unforeseen circumstances.

- Immediate rescue or emergency intervention beyond what is feasible with available personnel and tools.
- Members acknowledge that their participation is voluntary, and they are responsible for additional preparedness beyond what the community provides.
- **Emergency Access Limits:** Access during emergencies is subject to availability and the operational capacity of the community.
- **Blockchain Risks:** Members acknowledge that blockchain systems involve risks, including wallet security, regulatory uncertainties, and network outages.
- **Member Responsibilities:** Members agree to maintain personal preparedness, including emergency supplies, while on community property.

10.6 Governing Jurisdiction and Dispute Resolution

- **Jurisdiction:** This contract is governed by the laws of the State of Florida, specifically those applicable in Crescent City, Putnam County.
- **Dispute Resolution:** Any disputes arising from this contract shall be resolved through arbitration in accordance with the rules and procedures of the American Arbitration Association (AAA). The arbitration shall take place in Putnam County, Florida.
- **Legal Compliance:** Both the Voluntaria Community and policyholders agree to comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws.
- **Severability Clause:** If any provision of this contract is found invalid or unenforceable by a court of law, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force. Invalid provisions shall be revised to align with legal requirements.

10.7 Member Indemnification

- Members agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Voluntaria Community from any claims, damages, or liabilities arising from:
 - a. Their actions or omissions on community property.
 - b. Breaches of this contract or misuse of community resources.

Section 11: Proposal Submission Privilege

In the spirit of fostering active engagement and democratic participation within the Voluntaria Community, we introduce Section 11 of The Voluntaria Emergency & Retreat Access Membership Contract. This section details the Proposal Submission Privilege, a unique feature that empowers members to directly influence community decisions and initiatives.

11.1 Empowering Members through Proposal Submissions

- **Direct Influence:** Recognizing the value of diverse perspectives and ideas, this privilege allows members to submit proposals for consideration by the Voluntaria consensus group at any time.
- **Encouraging Active Participation:** This feature is designed to encourage members to take an active role in shaping the community, fostering a culture of involvement and innovation.

11.2 Additional Fee for Proposal Submission

- **Annual Fee for Privilege:** To access this privilege, members can opt to pay an additional \$500 annually. This fee supports the administrative and operational costs associated with managing and reviewing proposals.
- **Transparent Utilization of Fees:** The collected fees will be transparently utilized to facilitate the proposal review process, ensuring efficiency and fairness.

11.3 Proposal Evaluation Process

- **Review by Consensus Group:** Submitted proposals will be evaluated, discussed, and voted upon by the consensus group, ensuring that each proposal receives due consideration.
- **Feedback to Proposers:** While proposers may not be invited to the consensus vote, they will be informed of the success or failure of their proposals, maintaining transparency and communication.

11.4 Guidelines for Proposal Submission

- **Clear Submission Guidelines:** The contract will provide clear guidelines on how to submit proposals, including format, content requirements, and submission deadlines.

- **Constructive and Relevant Proposals:** Members are encouraged to submit constructive and community-relevant proposals, aligning with the ethos and objectives of the Voluntaria Community.

Section 12: Conclusion

As we reach the conclusion of The Voluntaria Emergency & Retreat Access Membership Contract, we reflect on the journey that has brought us here and the path that lies ahead for the Voluntaria Community. This contract, more than a set of guidelines and provisions, is a manifestation of our collective vision and commitment.

12.1 Reaffirmation of Our Ethos

- **Commitment to Community and Cooperation:** At the heart of this contract is our unwavering commitment to fostering a community built on the principles of voluntaryism, mutual aid, and cooperation. We believe that together, we are stronger, more resilient, and better equipped to face the uncertainties of the future.
- **Embracing Change and Challenges:** The Voluntaria Emergency & Retreat Access Membership Contract is designed to be dynamic, evolving with the needs of our community and the challenges of our world. It is a living document, adaptable and responsive to the ever-changing landscape we navigate.

12.2 The Role of Each Member

- **Active Participation and Empowerment:** Every member is not just a recipient of this contract benefits but an active participant in its realization. We encourage each member to embrace their role, contribute their unique strengths, and participate in the collective decision-making processes.
- **Building a Resilient Future Together:** Through this contract, we come together to build a future that is not only sustainable but also reflective of our deepest values and aspirations. It is a future where each member thrives, supported by the strength and solidarity of the community.

12.3 Looking Forward with Hope and Determination

- **A Beacon of Hope and Innovation:** The Voluntaria Emergency & Retreat Access Membership Contract stands as a beacon of hope, a testament to what can be achieved when a community comes together with purpose and vision. It is an innovative approach to communal living and emergency preparedness, setting a precedent for others to follow.
- **Continued Growth and Learning:** As we move forward, we remain committed to learning, growing, and adapting. We welcome the challenges and opportunities that come our way, knowing that they will only strengthen our resolve and deepen our bonds.

Section 13: Consensus Group

13.1 The Role of the Consensus Group

- The Consensus Group serves as the governing body of the Voluntaria Community, guiding critical decisions and maintaining alignment with the principles of voluntarism and mutual aid.
- This group operates on a consent-based decision-making model, ensuring fairness, inclusivity, and collective wisdom in all major decisions impacting the community.

13.2 Composition of the Consensus Group

- The Consensus Group is composed exclusively of individuals who hold ownership stakes in the Voluntaria property.
- Membership in the Consensus Group is both a privilege and a responsibility, requiring active participation in governance, community initiatives, and upholding the community's mission.

13.3 Becoming a Member of the Consensus Group

- Members interested in becoming property owners and joining the Consensus Group are invited to contact the Voluntaria Community for more information.
- To express interest, email owners@voluntaria.community with your background, intentions, and any relevant qualifications or contributions you wish to bring to the community.

- To expedite this process, prospective owners and residents are invited to fill out our online application at : <https://www.voluntaria.community/apply.html>

13.4 Responsibilities of Consensus Group Members

- **Governance Participation:** Engage actively in discussions, votes, and decisions concerning the property, membership, and community operations.
- **Community Stewardship:** Contribute to the management, maintenance, and growth of the Voluntaria property and resources.
- **Ethos Alignment:** Act in alignment with the principles of natural law, mutual aid, and voluntaryism.

13.5 Transparency and Accessibility

- Decisions made by the Consensus Group are documented and shared with community members where appropriate to ensure transparency and trust.
- The Consensus Group remains open to feedback and strives to represent the collective interests of the community.

Section: 14 Legal Enforcement

14.1 Acknowledgment of Offer

This membership contract outlines the specific benefits provided to members, including annual access rights, emergency response provisions, and participation in community activities. These constitute the "offer" by Voluntaria.

14.2 Member Acceptance

By signing this contract or confirming acceptance through digital acknowledgment, members agree to all terms and conditions outlined herein.

14.3 Consideration

Membership fees represent the consideration exchanged for the rights and privileges described in this agreement.

14.4 Acknowledgment and Acceptance

By signing this contract, the member affirms they have read, understood, and agreed to all terms herein. This contract constitutes the entire agreement between the member and the Voluntaria Community.

14.5 Termination of Agreement

Either party may terminate this contract under the following conditions:

1. Member non-payment or breach of terms.
2. Community liquidation or failure.
3. By mutual agreement with 30 days' written notice.

14.6 Refund Terms for Termination

Refunds for unused portions of the contract will be calculated on a pro-rata basis, excluding administrative fees and optional clause payments.

14.7 Binding Arbitration

The parties agree to resolve all disputes arising under this contract through binding arbitration under the rules of the American Arbitration Association (AAA) and/or other mutually designated arbitration group, with arbitration held either online or in Putnam County, Florida. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and enforceable in a court of law.

14.8 Severability

If any provision of this contract is deemed invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

14.9 Limitation of Liability

Under no circumstances shall the liability of the Voluntaria Community exceed the total amount of membership fees paid by the member.

14.10 Eligibility to Enter into a Contract

Membership is available only to individuals:

1. At least 18 years of age.
2. Who have the legal capacity to enter into binding contracts under applicable laws.

Signatures

This agreement becomes binding upon the signatures of both parties below:

Member Name & Signature: _____ | **Date:** _____

Voluntaria Representative: _____ | **Date:** _____

Digital Signature Option

Members may confirm acceptance through digital acknowledgment, which carries the same legal effect as a physical signature.